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BOD Ballots last reminder

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On September 15th, AMSAT will stop accepting the Board of Director's Ballots. This is a friendly reminder to send your votes in ASAP. Most feel this action will not be changing anything by 1 vote, however, if 2000 plus people felt this way, the true vote count for those that win will not be an actual survey of the members wishes.
This year we are pleased to have great people running and all are more than qualified to earn your vote. Again, please drop your ballot in the mail ASAP so the BOD has a great place to start.

[ANS thanks Martha for the above information.]

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Symposium 2010 Note

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Symposium to Feature ARISSat-1 on Saturday, October 9

As the 2010 Symposium schedule and papers take shape the Symposium Committee says we plan for Saturday morning, October 9 to be dedicated to the latest news, information,

and demonstrations of ARISSat-1. AMSAT's Engineering and Development Team will discuss the design of the hardware and software. A working satellite will be present at the Symposium. Stand by for more details as the schedule is finalized in the coming weeks.

ADDITIONAL SYMPOSIUM IMPORTANT INFO & REMINDERS

Two important deadlines are approaching for AMSAT's 2010 Space Symposium and Annual General Meeting being held on Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10.

EARLY SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 15

The early Symposium conference fee of $40 expires on September 15. Your conference fee includes entrance to the Symposium, refreshments and a copy of the 2010 Symposium Proceedings:
    $40.00 per person before 15 September 2010
    $45.00 from 21 September through 5 October
    Online registration closes 5 October at Midnight.
    Registration at the door will be $50.00.

You can register for the Symposium on-line at the AMSAT Store:
http://www.amsat-na.com/store/SymposiumReg.php

RESERVED ROOMS SPECIAL RATE EXPIRES ON SEPTEMBER 24

The block of reserved hotel rooms at the Chicago/Elk Grove Holiday Inn is available until September 24. This hotel is located west of O'Hare Airport at 1000 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

The registration code for the discount rate of $79.00 per night is AMS. The direct link to the www.holidayinn.com hotel web page is: http://tinyurl.com/2aptoeu You can also reach this page from the Symposium web page at:
http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/2010/Hotel.php
The telephone number at the hotel is 1-847-437-6010

FLIGHT & AIRPORT INFORMATION

Chicago-O'Hare International Airport is the closest to the Chicago/ Elk Grove Holiday Inn Hotel. The hotel offers free hourly shuttle service to and from O'Hare Airport. Call the hotel upon arrival to let them know to come pick you up.

Caution! Several cheap flights to/from Chicago go to Midway Airport. Note that Chicago-Midway Airport is approximately 40 miles from the hotel and will require commuting or a $22.00 Shuttle fee. O'Hare Airport is served by all major air carriers.

Getting there by car:
The hotel address is 1000 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.
A map link is included on the hotel web page.
The GPS coordinates are 42° 00' 37.30" N   87° 57' 36.5" W.

[ANS thanks the 2010 Symposium Committee for the above information]

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Satellite Shorts From All Over

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+ Clint, K6LCS said this week, "Attendees of the upcoming West Coast ARRL regional conventions will be subjected to my AMSAT "Work the Sats with your HT" spiel." Watch the registration lobbies' bulletin boards for times of passes to be worked outside the entrances:

September 17-19
http://www.sandarc.net/Convention2010/index.html
ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, San Diego, California
K6LCS presentation - Saturday, 9AM

October 15-17
http://www.pacificon.org/
ARRL Pacific Division Convention, San Ramon, California
K6LCS presentation - Saturday. 10AM

Clint's web page is at: http://www.work-sat.com

+ A time-lapse 4-minute movie of preparing and launching STS-131: http://tinyurl.com/sts-131-prep (www.airspacemag.com site).

+ In the "Trying to stretch the footprint on AO-7 mode A" department Bob, W7LRD describes this as a most masochistic endeavor. However, partial success was found trying to work from Seattle to Japan on AO-7. On September 10 Bob copied a partial signal from JH1BCL at a distance of 7719 KM.

+ To help speed up the CubeSat design process, Clyde Space published their full User Manuals online. They can be downloaded from: http://www.clyde-space.com/news/282_cubesat-user-manuals-now-online Clyde Space now has its own YouTube channel for videos showing hardware tests, presentations and general goings on: http://www.youtube.com/user/ClydeSpace Also, see the story on SouthGate ARC news site at: http://tinyurl.com/32kd6t5

+ *The next "Hudson Valley, NY Satcom" net date is Thursday Sept. 16 at 8PM (EDT) or (2400UTC)
On the 146.97 MBARC repeater, w/ a Pl. of 100, & an echo link node of N2EYH-L
& more info: www.hvsatcom,.org & all welcome! Stu (WA2BSS)

[ANS thanks everyone for the above information]

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WSR Bulletins

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An additional ANS bulletin, Weekly Satellite Report, WSR249(this week), is put out weekly by James French, W8ISS. This contains a listing of all operational satellites as well as information on non-operational and

deorbitted ones. If you subscribe to this ANS news you automatically get that WSR bulletin as well. In particular, you will have up to the minute information on Amateur Satellites. A well done goes to James for keeping us all this well informed.

[ANS thanks James French, W8ISS, for his fine work]

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ARISS Status - 7 September 2010

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1. Upcoming School Contact

The Norwegian Museum of Science, Technology and Medicine, Oslo, Norway has been taken place via Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact on Saturday, September 11 at 12:16 UTC via telebridge station LU8YY in Neuquen, Argentina. The museum has a small planetarium which offers classes on astronomy and space. A total of 63,000 students at all levels in the Norwegian school system attend 25 different programs at the museum throughout the year. The museum participated in the NASA Albedo Project in 2008 and distributed Galileoscopes during the International Year of Astronomy 2009.

2. Successful Contact with Konu Milky Way Observatory

Konu "Milky Way," a children's astronomical observatory in Miyoshi, Hiroshima, Japan, participated in an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact on Monday, August 30. Shannon Walker, KD5DXB answered 27 questions posed to her by the youth. The observatory provides the general public with an opportunity to observe the night sky and to learn about the ISS and amateur radio. It operates its own club station 8J4MY.

3. Amateur Radio Newsline Covers ARISS

On September 3, the Amateur Radio Newsline Report 1725 included a story on Dave Taylor, the new ARISS-U.S. delegate. "Names in the News: W8AAS Appointed AMSAT US Delegate to ARISS International" may be found at: ftp://ftp.arnewsline.org/quincy/News/news.txt

4. Astronaut Training Status

ESA astronaut Paolo Nespoli, IZ0JPA had an ARISS refresher course on September 3. He was briefed on procedures to install the VHF Ericsson radio system in the Columbus module. Nespoli is slated to fly with Expedition 26 in December 2010.

[ANS thanks Carol, KB3LKI, for the above information]

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available from the AMSAT Office.

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